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PP STAFF COORDINATION

PROJECT: OBTUSE						
	AMENDMENT NO.	DIVISION SE				
X	RENEWAL FY 58	BRANCH 1				
	TERMINATION	DESK Albania				
STAFF CONCURRENCE					MEMORANDUM ATTACHED	
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE	COPY NO.	DATE	YES	NO	DATE
Analysis Branch #1		2	16 July 57			
SSA-DD/S		2	18 July 57			
PP/OPS/PR		3 & 1				
PP/ICD			16 July			
PP/COPS		1				
RECOMMEND APPROVAL						
for CPP	SIGNATURE				DATE	
A/DD/P/P	SIGNATURE				DATE	
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Summary Request for Renewal
Division Project Clearance Sheet

1. Action: Request for Renewal, FY 1958

a. Project Cryptonym

OBTUSE

b. Division

SE

c. Branch

Yugoslavia/Albania

2. Division Concurrences:

☐ C/SE/YA ☐

3 July 1957
Date

☐ SE/GPP ☐

3 July 1957
Date

☐ SE/B&F ☒

8 July 1957
Date

☐ SE/CAL ☐

7/9/57
Date

☐ C/SE ☐

July 9 - 1957
Date

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Project: OBTUSE

1. Approvals

Original Approval (as part of BGFIEND)

22 June 1949

Original Approval (as separate project)

16 July 1954

2. Funds

FY 1955

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FY 1956

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FY 1957

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3. Objectives and Proposal

To keep alive the spirit of passive resistance and hope for eventual freedom, and to promote friction between Albania and the Soviet orbit through the distribution of leaflets, other printed matter and small quantities of selected consumer goods delivered by mail and by air drops.

4. Accomplishments and Effectiveness

Leaflet Program: During 1956 three overflights were made into Albania dropping almost 8 million leaflets. One attempted wind drift mission aborted because of weather conditions after only a few hundred thousand leaflets were dropped. The Food Offer renewal, Stalin Denigration and a news digest were the main topics of the leaflets. Most of the refugees interrogated in 1956, although not familiar with leaflets dropped during 1956, were familiar with leaflets dropped prior to that year. A great majority of these refugees reported that the leaflet and article drops had a positive effect on the populace in that they gave them the feeling they had not been forgotten and encouraged them to resist the regime or to escape.

Mail Campaign: A "Socialist-in-Exile" mail campaign was begun and three different mimeographed letters were sent to a total of about 230 Albanian Communists of a secondary level. The letters were mailed from cities in Italy and the United States, and from Paris and Istanbul. Purportedly these letters were from Albanian "true Marxian Socialists" who disagreed with the methods used by the Hoxha-Shehu Soviet-dominated clique to develop "socialism" in Albania. The purpose of the mail campaign is to encourage the moderate members of the ACP to oppose the extreme members of the ACP represented by the Hoxha-Shehu clique, and to resist Soviet domination.

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5. Plans

- a. The acquisition of new aircraft and equipment may enable us to increase the number of leaflets dropped into Albania in 1957. However, barring extraordinary events, this will not be possible primarily because of State Department policy banning overflights. It is hoped that more wind drift missions will be flown. We will continue to plan leaflets and other printed material in preparedness for this event.
- b. Provided our present efforts to increase the credibility and authenticity of the "Socialist-in-Exile" letters is successful we intend to expand our mail campaign activity. The fifth mailing in this campaign has just been completed. In addition to letters we hope to mail pamphlets to selected members of the ACP giving graphic evidence of the need for reforms in Albania. Future mailing operations will center on closely-targeted and "tailored" material which emphasizes quality rather than quantity.

6. Request

It is therefore requested that Project OBTUSE be renewed for FY 1958 in the amount of \$7,500.00. Funds in this amount have been included in the SE Operational Program.

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PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA		PROJECT CRYPTONYM OBTUSE		
		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED 1 July 195 7 THRU 30 JUNE 195 8		
*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION				
RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION SE/YA		CASE OFFICER []		
A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS				
Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.				
TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION	
	U. S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER
STAFF EMPLOYEES				
STAFF AGENTS				
CAREER AGENTS	1			
CONTRACT AGENTS				
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS				
DETAILED PERSONNEL				
FIELD AGENTS		5	(Carried on Project OBTUSE)	
MILITARY				
ALL OTHER				
TOTAL A.				
B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT				
Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.				
COMMO \$	CHEMICAL \$	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES \$	OTHER SUPPLIES \$ []	
MEDICAL \$	ORDNANCE \$	SPECIAL DEVICES \$	OTHER EQUIPMENT \$	
TOTAL B. []				
C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.				
Misc. Operational Expense []				
TOTAL C. []				
D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS				
If funds are to be turned over to individuals or groups in large lump sums to be expended by the individuals or groups at their discretion to accomplish an agreed-upon objective, explain the type of financial accounts, factual verification or statements, if any, other than a receipt for the lump sum, which will be obtained.				
TOTAL D.				
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) []				

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E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

APPROXIMATE DATES AND AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED

FORM REQUIRED

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U. S. DOLLARS

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FOREIGN (SPECIFY)

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NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (SPECIFY)

SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

(Within security limitations, list any other facts or circumstances which will enable Special Support Staff to lend adequate logistical support to this project. Indicate specificationally the "RUSH" or "TIME" factors involved.)

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